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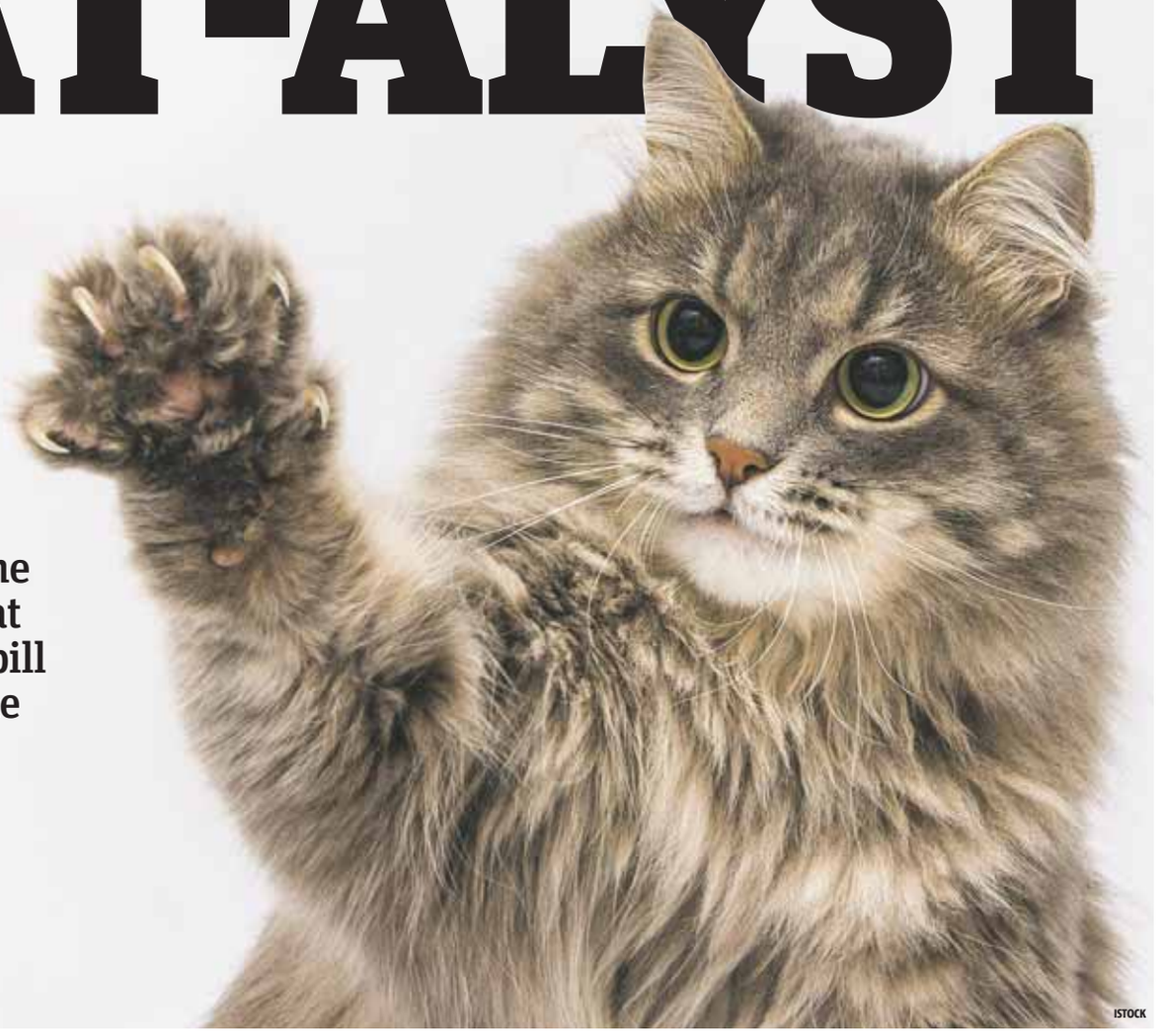
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Last section of High Line park 'the Spur' is dedicated

"The Spur" is finished and opens to the public this week.

Simone Leigh's "Brick House," a 16-foot-tall bronze bust of a black woman, stands atop the Spur, the last section of the High Line park to be converted into public space, on Tuesday in New York City. Public art installations will rotate through the Spur's focal point, dubbed the Plinth, at 30th Street and 10th Avenue. TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Joshua promoter says Ruiz rematch clause triggered

2 Anthony Joshua will try to regain his lost heavyweight titles in a rematch with Mexican-American Andy Ruiz Jr. in November or December at a location to be decided, promoter Eddie Hearn said on Tuesday. Ruiz produced one of boxing's biggest upsets by beating the 29-year-old Briton with a seventh-round stoppage at New York's Madison Square Garden on Saturday. Joshua, previously undefeated and fighting for the first time in the United States, was defending his IBF, WBA and WBO titles but was knocked down four times in the fight. "We have today triggered the contracted rematch clause with Andy Ruiz Jr," Hearn said on Twitter. "The fight will take place in Nov/Dec at a venue to be confirmed shortly." Hearn told reporters after the fight that a rematch was a "must-win" for the 2012 Olympic super-heavyweight champion. REUTERS

Trump administration bans cruises to Cuba

3 The Trump administration on Tuesday imposed heavy new restrictions on U.S. travel to Cuba, including a ban on cruises, in a further bid to pressure the island's Communist government to reform and end its support for Venezuela's embattled President Nicolas Maduro. The tightening of the decades-old U.S. embargo on the Caribbean's largest island will further wound its crippled economy, as well as hurt U.S. travel companies that had built up business with Cuba during the brief 2014-2016 detente. The State Department said the United States will no longer permit visits to Cuba via passenger and recreational vessels, including cruise ships and yachts, as well as private and corporate aircraft. The country will also no longer allow so-called group people-to-people educational travel, one of the most popular exemptions to the overall ban on U.S. tourism to Cuba. REUTERS

Warren proposes $2 trillion 'green manufacturing' plan

4 Democratic U.S. presidential hopeful Elizabeth Warren proposed on Tuesday spending $2 trillion on a new "green manufacturing" program to address climate change that would invest in research and exporting American clean energy technology. The manufacturing program is the first in a new series of "economic patriotism" proposals Warren is unveiling intended to create American jobs and help U.S. industry. "This is going to be a big plan for bold structural changes," Warren said at a campaign rally in Detroit, Michigan. She said her proposal would be paid for in part by "all companies paying more taxes," singling out Amazon.com. Among the more than 20 Democrats in the field hoping to challenge Republican President Donald Trump in November 2020, Warren has distinguished herself as the most prolific proposer of new policy positions. REUTERS

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A cat-alyst for change? Declaw ban bill passed in NY Senate

New York state may pave the way for cat declawing bans across the U.S.

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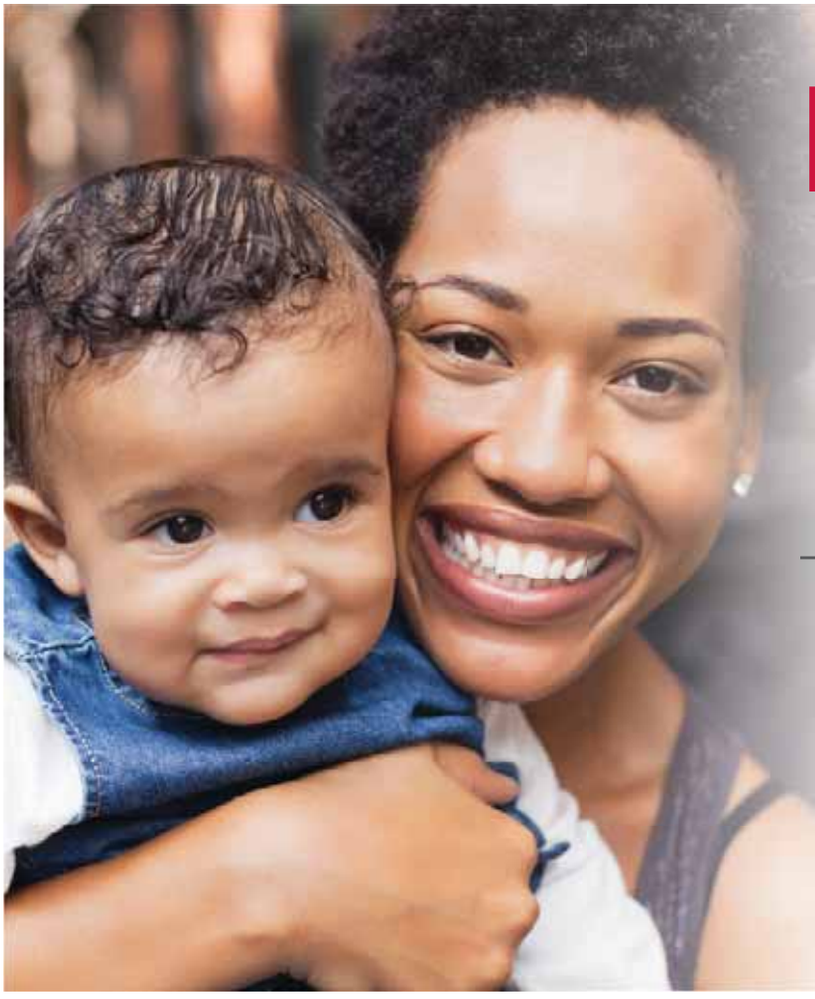
New York is on its way to becoming the first U.S. state to ban the declawing of cats.

A ban on surgically removing a cat's claws passed the state Senate on Tuesday, and will head to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's desk if it passes the Assembly.

The procedure of declawing traditionally involves the amputation of the last bone of each of a cat's toes. The Humane Society of New York says the common misperception of declawing is that it's no different than clipping an animal's nails. But anti-declawing advocates say that the procedure is more like a punishment for owing money to the mob. If performed on a human being, it would be like cutting off each finger at the last knuckle.

"It's amputation," Jennifer Conrad, a California veterinarian who traveled to Albany in May to lobby lawmakers in favor of the proposed ban, told the Associated Press. "It is the equivalent of taking a cigar cutter and cutting the end joint off."

In an interview with the Democrat and Chronicle, New York director for the Humane



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Society Brian Shapiro described the procedure as an "inhumane convenience surgery" that can lead to painful complications with serious health effects.

However, the proposal isn't being met with much enthusiasm from the state's veterinarians.

"Veterinarians are doing considerably fewer declaw procedures because we are educating clients on alternative options and discussing the procedure in detail."

Tim Atkinson, NYSVMS member

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The New York State Veterinary Medical Society (NYSVMS) is opposed to a full ban. Their experts argue that the procedure should be allowed as a last resort for felines that won't stop scratching furniture or humans, especially if the cat's owner has a weakened immune system, and a scratch might put them at greater risk of infection.

The NYSVMS said that declawing a problematic cat should remain a viable alternative to euthanasia. Meanwhile, trimming a cat's claws every few weeks is considered by vets to be an important part of maintaining a cat's health while protecting the owner and their family — as well as their sofas, curtains and other furniture.

"Veterinarians are doing considerably fewer declaw procedures because we are educating clients on alternative options and discussing the procedure in detail," NYSVMS member Tim Atkinson wrote in a memo of opposition.

"For example, in one veterinary practice located in Buffalo, New York, there are 4,500 active clients, 6,500 active patients, and half of those are feline. In 2015, that practice performed less than 30 declaws, a 50 percent decrease from 2013," Atkinson wrote.

The bill makes declawing a violation punishable by a civil penalty up to $1,000. As an exception, veterinarians could still perform the procedure for medical reasons, like infection or injury, such as a need to remove cancerous nail bed tumors.

"None of us love the procedure," Richard Goldstein, a veterinarian at New York City's Animal Medical Center and a former faculty member at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, told the AP.

"But when the alternative is condemning the cat to a shelter or to death? That's why we do it."

There are three ways to declaw a cat: The standard method of declawing is amputation with a scalpel or guillotine clipper. Another method is laser surgery. A third procedure is the tendonectomy, in which the tendon that controls the claw in each toe is severed. The cat keeps their claws, but can't control them or extend them to scratch.

"It's cruel and inhumane. It would be like saying, 'Well, dogs sometimes bite, so let's remove their teeth.' The possibility you'll get scratched is just part of owning a cat," said Evan Rodriguez, a New Yorker and proud owner of an American Bombay cat named Bagheera.

Notable supporters of the ban took to Twitter on Tuesday, advocating for New York to scratch the practice.

Seth MacFarlane tweeted: "It's about time. Cat declawing is cruel and inhumane. If you don't want the claws, don't get the cat. A) It's extremely painful. B) If your indoor cat gets out and encounters an adversary, you're taking away its only defense. Don't be a d—. Don't declaw."

Australia, England, Israel and Switzerland are some of the 39 countries that have already banned cat declawing. Stateside, declawing is illegal in Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles and some other cities in California. New Jersey, Rhode Island and West Virginia are also considering legislation to ban cat declawing as well.

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Seth MacFarlane
@SethMacFarlane

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MTA station GETTY IMAGES

Subway riders now privy to more detailed delay info

The MTA just launched an alert system to keep straphangers in the loop.

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Next time there is a subway surfer on the loose, the MTA is planning on telling you ASAP.

The transit agency rolled out a new alert system earlier this week that will tell commuters what is causing their delays.

The communications upgrade aims to keep riders informed, and hopefully quell frustrations about service disruptions. The idea is that by knowing specifically what the problem is, straphangers can better plan their journeys.

"When trains aren't running normally, few things are more frustrating than not know what's going on," said Danny Pearlstein, the policy and communications director of Riders Alliance. "By adding more detail to its service announcements, the MTA is taking a step forward in its communications with riders."

To help improve communication with transit users, instead of using "service changes" as an umbrella term, the MTA is planning on using one of seven specific terms: "parts suspended," "trains rerouted," "local to express," "express to local," "stations skipped," "slow speeds" and "multiple impacts." These labels were developed from customer feedback and take inspiration from international transit systems around the world, according to officials.

The MTA announced the new communication system to the public in a tweet Monday.

The new terms will be used on an individual line-by-line basis, so travelers will know exactly what lines to avoid. Traveler can view this information on the service status box and on other channels such as mta.info, Twitter, the MTA app, car, and station announcements.

NYC Transit president, Andy Byford, said in a press release "these changes provide customers targeted, at-a-glance information to help them quickly understand exactly what's happening on their line. It's always our goal to improve the quality of our real-time information, and this is another step forward in that ongoing process."

So far, the new system has received mixed feedback on social media,

> **"When trains aren't running normally, few things are more frustrating than not know what's going on."**
>
> **Danny Pearlstein, policy and communications director of Riders Alliance**

with many still not satisfied with the changes.

"This is what you guys are working on that you are soooo proud of? Phrasing of shut downs and service changes? Wow... great work. You get a cookie. Maybe you can do something actually helpful, instead of wasting our money, like update signals? Just waited in a station for 25 mins [for a train]," tweeted one rider.

Other less disgruntled riders are already offering feedback, hoping to better understand the new terms chosen by the MTA. "This is a great change! Thank you. "Part Suspended" is confusing to me. Perhaps rephrase as written in the description: 'Major Disruption' or 'Disrupted Service,'" tweeted Kyle Decker.

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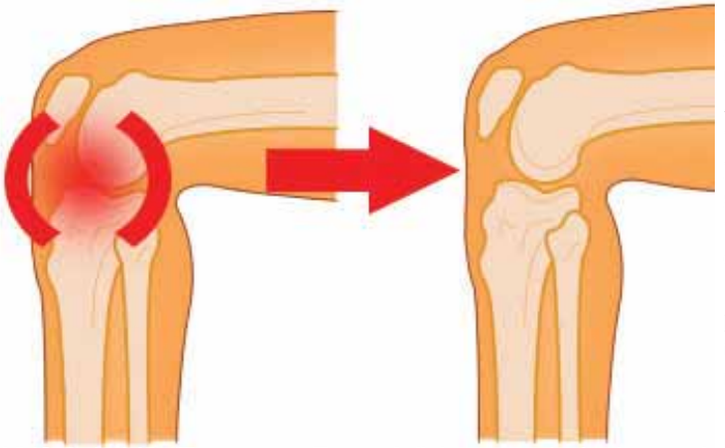

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Manafort may be headed to Rikers Island

Sources said Trump's former campaign chairman may transfer to face state criminal charges.

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Paul Manafort, President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman who was convicted of tax and bank fraud, may be transferred to Rikers Island jail in New York to face state criminal charges, a person familiar with the matter said.

Manafort, 70, is serving a combined sentence of 7½ years in prison from two separate federal criminal cases, the longest term of anyone stemming from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

The veteran Republican political operative, who was paid millions of dollars for his work for pro-Russian politicians in Ukraine, had been expected to be transferred to New York state custody in June, another person familiar with the matter said.

The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Defendants facing charges brought by the Manhattan district attorney are typically held at Rikers Island, a troubled jail complex that handles about 9,000 people a day, another city jail known as the Tombs, or Bellevue hospital, if a defendant has a medical condition.

According to the New York City Department of Corrections, a judge will decide whether he will be entering their custody.

A spokeswoman for the Manhattan district attorney's office did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A lawyer for Manafort did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Manafort was charged by prosecutors in New York in March with residential mortgage fraud and other felonies, as state lawmakers moved to ensure that he can be prosecuted even if he receives a presidential pardon from Trump. Presidents possess the power to issue pardons for federal crimes, not state crimes.

Prosecutors said the charges involved a scheme in which Manafort and others falsified records to obtain millions of dollars related to property loans. Manafort faces up to 25 years in prison on the three most serious charges in the latest indictment, residential mortgage fraud in the first degree. REUTERS

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Ex-Trump lawyer Cohen 'loving' prison life, 'hates' the food

Michael Cohen, the convicted former personal lawyer to President Donald Trump, says he is making new friends in prison and enjoying time away from the spotlight, according to a person familiar with Cohen's first few weeks there.

"He's loving it there," the person told Reuters. "Peace, quiet. He wants to stay there. He's in the gym every day. He's loving life."

Cohen, 52, is housed in a minimum security camp for white collar criminals at Federal Correctional Institution in Otisville, New York, about 70 miles northwest of New York City.

The camp is known for its substantial population of Jewish inmates such as Cohen because of its proximity to Jewish enclaves in New York City and elsewhere in the state, employing a full-time rabbi and offering kosher meals.

The camp, which is not fenced in, also offers weights and other exercise

REUTERS

equipment, a basketball court, a tennis area and a baseball field, and bocce ball.

The person familiar with Cohen's time in Otisville said that Cohen was relieved to be free of public attention and of the anxiety he felt before reporting to prison on May 6.

Lanny Davis, a spokesman for Cohen, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

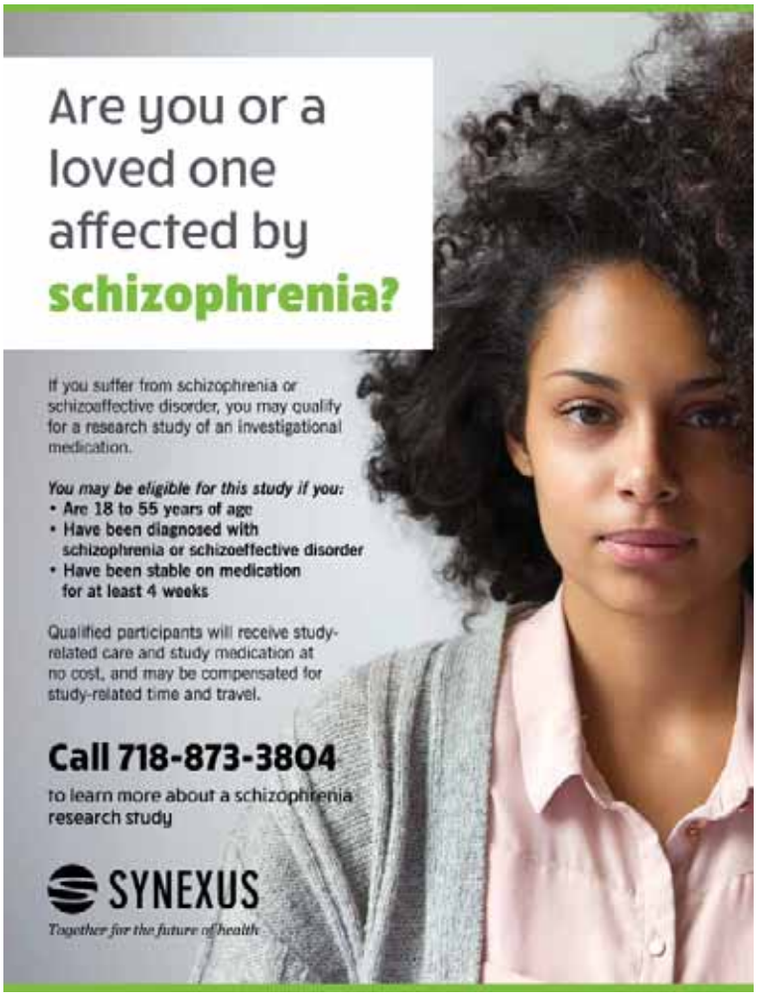
Cohen, who is married with two children, once said he would "take a bullet" for Trump but then turned against him in court and in testimony to the U.S. Congress as investigations mounted into the 2016 Trump presidential campaign.

The former lawyer was sentenced in December to three years in prison for financial crimes and for orchestrating payments to pornographic film star Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal shortly before the election. Cohen said Trump directed the "hush money" payments for the women's silence about their sexual relations with Trump.

Trump, who has denied the affairs, said he never directed Cohen to do anything illegal.

Cohen works on the prison's heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and he cut his hand on the job but did not need medical care, according to the person who spoke to Reuters.

Cohen "hates the food," the source said. "This is a guy who ate in all the best restaurants." REUTERS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Madonna loses appeal over auction of Tupac letter, other items

The items included a 1995 letter written by Tupac while in prison.

Madonna REUTERS

Madonna lost a court battle to keep a trove of intimate belongings including a pair of satin panties, a brush containing her hair and a break-up letter from a former boyfriend, the late rapper Tupac Shakur, from heading to the auction block.

A New York state appeals court in Manhattan on Tuesday cleared the way for an auction, saying Madonna could not pursue claims against Darlene Lutz, her former friend and art consultant, or the GottaHaveRockandRoll.com online auction website, to which Lutz consigned the items for sale.

The Appellate Division said Madonna's claims were barred by a "very broad" release in her 2004 settlement agreement with Lutz, who was "free to do with the property as she wished" as its rightful owner.

Madonna, 60, had said she did not know until learning about the auction that Lutz, who worked for the singer from 1981 to 2003, possessed the more than 20 disputed items.

Lawyers for Madonna did not immediately respond to requests for comment. It is unclear whether she will appeal.

"The court came to the absolute right decision," Hartley Bernstein, a lawyer for the defendants, said in an interview. "The property is Ms. Lutz's to do with as she wishes."

Tuesday's 5-0 decision upheld an April 2018 ruling by Justice Gerald Lebovits of the state supreme court in Manhattan.

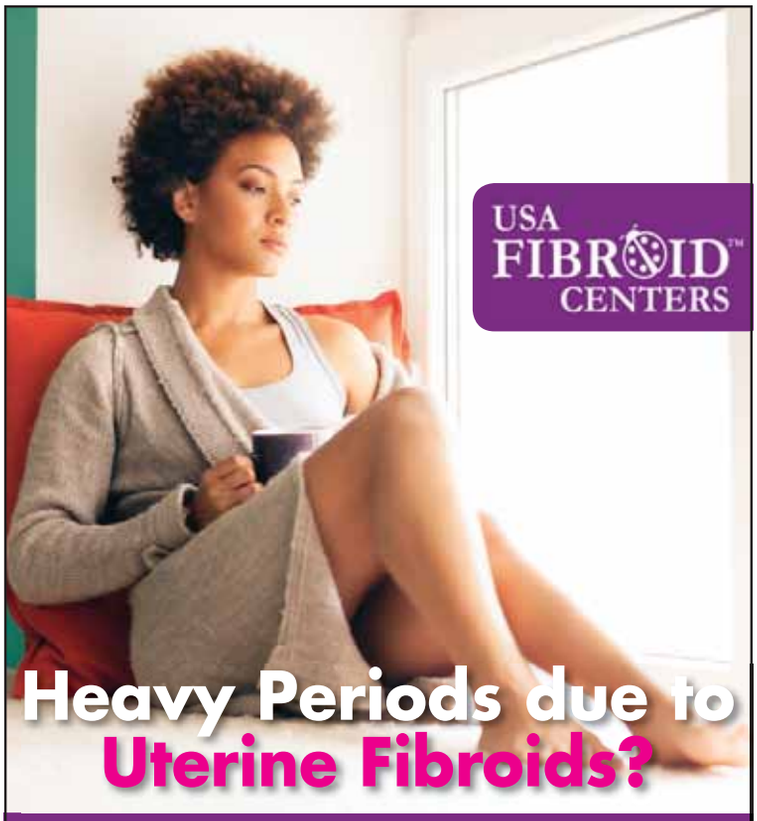
Lebovits said he dismissed the case because the statute of limitations had passed, and because Madonna's settlement with Lutz contained a broad waiver covering the claims.

The handwritten letter from Shakur was dated Jan. 15, 1995, while he was in prison for sexual assault.

It said he was ending his relationship with Madonna because he thought dating a white woman could jeopardize his career.

"I felt due to my 'image' I would be letting down half of the people who made me what I thought I was," Shakur wrote. "I never meant to hurt you."

GottaHaveRockandRoll.com said the letter could fetch $400,000 at auction, court papers show. Shakur was killed at age 25 in a September 1996 drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. REUTERS



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Taurus Speak up and make things happen. An aggressive approach will get the results you want with the least amount of interference. Personal gains and improvements are favored

Gemini You will have plenty of options regarding money, legal and medical matters, but choosing what's best will require research. Avoid shortcuts, and don't rely on someone's say-so

Cancer Let your heart lead the way. If you observe what others do, you will know exactly how to respond. Partnership issues can be resolved if you discuss your intentions and plans.

Leo Look at every possibility. Don't feel pressured by others' actions. Sit tight and watch things unfold. If you are patient, you'll know what to do when the time is right.

Virgo A personal change will help you engage in situations that you may have shied away from in the past. Trust in your ability to get things done, not in what others promise to do.

Libra An open mind can be an asset, as long as you don't let someone lead you to believe that you aren't qualified or good enough to do your own thing.

Scorpio Take pride in what and who you know. Discussions will help clear up any misconception you may have about someone. Personal relationships will flourish if you express your feelings. Travel is favored.

Sagittarius Rely on what's tangible, not on what someone is trying to convince you to believe. Partnerships will need to be handled carefully if money is involved. Moderation is encouraged.

Capricorn You have more wiggle room than you think. Proceed with the changes you want to make, and don't forget to spend time with a loved one.

Aquarius Choose your actions and compatriots based on how you feel and what's best for you. If something doesn't feel right, take a pass.

Pisces Take any opportunity you get to express your thoughts, feelings and intentions. Build a solid platform for whatever you want to pursue, and make your dreams come true. . EUGENIA LAST

The 'Deadwood' movie closes the casket on one of TV's most dangerous shows

The film premiered last Friday on HBO.

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"Deadwood" contains all things. It is a western set in the camp of Deadwood, South Dakota, while it still operates in the murky gray area outside of U.S. jurisdiction in the 1870s. It is a political drama charting the rise from camp to town. It's a meditation on the nature of violence, abuse and addiction. It's a Shakespearean meditation on the human condition and how we choose to handle our suffering, where characters go on long soliloquies while mopping blood from floors. It's also a farce, as well as a satire. It's also a love story. It's a love letter to America and its roots as a frontier state. It's a critique of the consequences of entrepreneurial capitalism. It's also entirely physical, where there are long exchanges of characters simply watching each other go about their days or striding through the thoroughfare, about to act on a violent impulse. It's a costume drama with an ensemble cast containing the most complicated and esoteric dialogue that also is the bawdiest, curse-filled show in the history of television.

The themes and problems the characters have are universal. There is a powerful billionaire who comes to town and thinks the rules don't apply to him. "That goes on now in every town in America," the star, Ian McShane, who plays the unforgettable Gem Saloon proprietor Al Swearengen, said after the premiere last week. "It's about time."

Here we are in 2019, and the era of nostalgia is at its nadir. The long-rumored, once-promised concept of a movie to tie up the considerable loose ends has come to fruition. But now, the landscape of prestige television is becoming rapidly similar to what contributed to the necrosis of mainstream film. There is an overreliance of intellectual property stemming from franchises, reboots and adaptations with an overwhelming hope that they'll become "hits." A show with the subtleties and considerations of "Deadwood," with its drawn-out, long-form narration and focus on dialogue, couldn't possibly be created in 2019 — it can only be rebooted for a two-hour movie.

The movie is, like every episode of "Deadwood," completely fantastic. Loose ends from the original series are recalled and addressed. Redemption is either sought or articulated. Certain characters fall and other characters rise; each one continues to evolve. There is even a moment of titillating Marvel-style fan service. The show knows and loves its characters and the plot is intertwined with their emotions and arcs. The last scene and last line are nothing if not one of the most memorable moments in television history. However, the field is now exceptionally crowded. There are more shows on television than a human being could ever have time to watch, and more than plenty that require the type of considerate thoughtful viewing that "Deadwood" commands. Much like "The Sopranos," Deadwood isn't fit for binge-viewing.

The idea of a "Deadwood" reboot was the ultimate pipe dream that most assumed would never happen. Where can we go from here? We've come full circle.

The "Deadwood" of yore returned for a gratifying final chapter, and the book is closed.

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All it took for Katie Taylor to drop her high-end gym membership was a free class at Punch Pedal House (formerly known as Rhythm Ryde). The class's originality and intensity made her a regular.

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> **"I'm still in awe that people who live and work in the city come to our classes before and after work."**
>
> **Joey Foley**

Foley says Punch Pedal House maintains a steady base of about 200 members; most of them reside in the DUMBO area through mainly word of mouth. But the popularity is spreading: PPH is hosting a summer pop-up at Montauk Beach House

Word in the city has also gotten out. Michaela Lichvanova, who lives uptown, discovered the class through a work outing. Now, several times a week, she makes the 45-minute commute.

I've never sweat so much in my life, not even hot yoga," Lichvanova says. "I feel like I'm constantly yelling 'F—!' during class just to push through, and that's OK because you walk out and Joey gives you that fist bump and you just feel so good."

Still in its infancy, Punch Pedal House's popularity and loyalty still stuns Foley just a little.

"I'm still in awe that people that live and work in the city come to our classes before and after work," Foley says.

Punch Pedal House is located at 68 Washington St. in DUMBO. To reserve a spot, go to punch-pedal.com.

Godzilla: From radioactive colossus to unlikely climate hero

Ever since Godzilla first rampaged across cinema screens 65 years ago, film critics have seen the reptilian antihero as a symbol of the fears gnawing away in the deepest recesses of moviegoers' minds.

With the giant lizard's return in "Godzilla: King of the Monsters," launched in cinemas at the weekend, reviewers are parsing the blockbuster for insights into the world's paralysis in the face of climate breakdown.

"It would be a mistake to dismiss 'Godzilla: King of the Monsters' as mindless pap or escapist fantasy," wrote anthropologist Nathaniel J. Dominy and biologist Ryan Calsbeek, both from Dartmouth, in the journal Science.

"What began as a pointed anti-nuclear fable has since evolved into a broader allegory for human folly and our reckless disregard for the natural environment."

Godzilla earned its reputation as a bellwether of collective anxiety soon after Japanese director Ishiro Honda first depicted the dinosaur-like creature in his 1954 film "Gojira" — a nickname derived from the Japanese words for gorilla and whale.

In Honda's film, a radioactive, 50-meter tall Godzilla lays waste to Tokyo after being awakened from the deep by underwater nuclear tests. Released barely a decade after atom bombs obliterated Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the film was a tacit reflection of Japan's shared wartime trauma.

In "King of the Monsters," directed by Michael Dougherty, Godzilla is cast as an unlikely eco-warrior battling to defeat the mutant Titans and save humanity from itself.

Although post-apocalyptic climate scenarios have been a staple of the "cli-fi" genre for years — notable examples include "The Day After Tomorrow" and "Mad Max: Fury Road" — Godzilla has returned against a uniquely febrile backdrop.

With hundreds of thousands of teen climate activists marching in cities across the world, and Extinction Rebellion bringing parts of London to a standstill in April, a new awareness of the crisis is seeping into mainstream culture.

While the new film has been panned in some quarters, Zhiwa Woodbury, author of a book on the psychology of the climate emergency, sees "King of the Monsters" as Hollywood's most profound "cli-fi" contribution to date. **REUTERS**

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Here is an update that Pro users have been waiting years for.

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2013 was the last time Mac Pro "suffered" from an update. Its small, cylindrical shape, despite being created by genius designers, did not have the ability to impress the professionals who required all the necessary "horsepower."

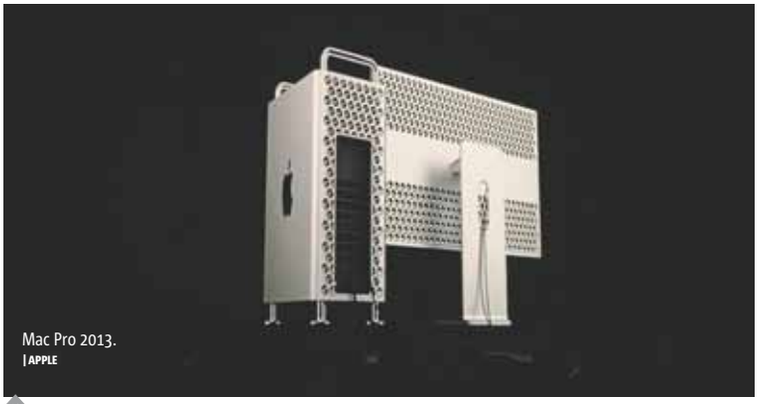
That request, from animators, audiovisual specialists, film producers and musicians, as well as others who always need the best of the best, was heard and recently presented at the WWDC developer conference.

Along with other announcements in matters of software, the executives of Apple surprised the world with Mac Pro 2019, a design that does not move away too much from the computers launched by the same company in the past decade.

And that is what users have shouted for: updatable components, something that Apple did not have many years ago.

If we talk about hard data, it has a processor of up to 28 cores, 1.5 TB of memory, eight PCI Express slots and the ability to use two graphics cards. Simply, one of the most powerful machines that currently exists on the market. All that for a price starting at $5,999 for the most "basic" model.

In previous statements, company executives acknowledged that the 2013 Pro "had been a mistake." Phil Schiller, vice president of worldwide marketing, said that they had been trapped in a temperature problem. All this should be fixed in the Mac Pro 2019.



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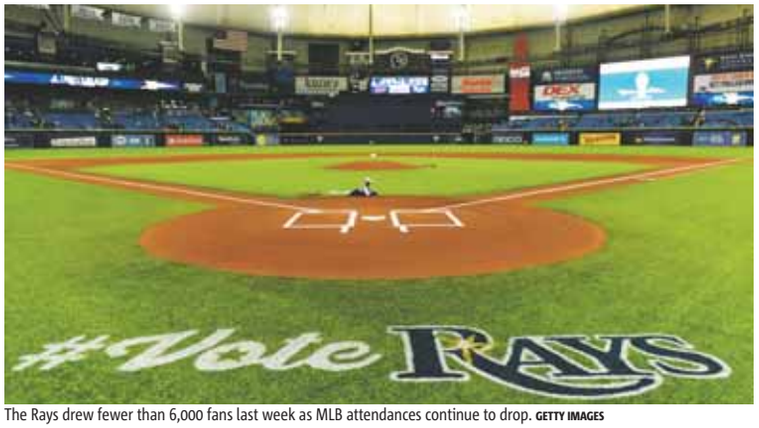

The Rays drew fewer than 6,000 fans last week as MLB attendances continue to drop. GETTY IMAGES

"If people don't want to come to the ballpark, how are you going to stop them?"

Yogi Berra.

Berra was ahead of his time. The old sage and Hall of Fame catcher's quote was attributed in 1959, but he appears to be talking about today — six decades later.

Major League Baseball's attendance is down 1.4 percent this year. While that might sound marginal, it marks the fourth straight season that fewer people are headed to the park. Since turnout peaked in 2007, it's down 18 percent.

The great exception to the current trend is the Phillies, whose crowds are up 30 percent over last year. Call it the Bryce Harper Effect. At the same time, the Nationals are down 13 percent.

Last year, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred blamed poor spring weather for empty seats. Now he cites increased competition for consumers' entertainment dollars. That's not entirely wrong but ignores the larger problem: The national pastime is increasingly slow, boring and one-dimensional.

Take it from someone whose first love as a kid was baseball: It's hard to sit through nine innings, either at the park or on TV. Yes, the pastoral, no-clock approach of the game is one of its attractions. But let's get real. From mound visits through warm-up tosses, it takes an average of four minutes every time there's a pitching change. And with revolving-door bullpens and twitchy managers, there are innings where you could run to your bathroom, sneak to the kitchen for a sandwich, check your email and return a few phone calls — and still not miss a thing.

Not that having a pitcher standing on the mound necessitates action. Hurlers are quantitatively spending more time between pitches each season. Recently, Arizona pitcher Zach Greinke frittered for two minutes and five seconds between pitches. Put another way, longer than it took to run the entire Kentucky Derby.

Baseball's pace could be quickened with pitch clocks, shorter breaks between innings, and limits on relief pitchers. Simple. But there's another factor currently killing baseball, even as it makes for smarter play. And that's analytics.

Hear me out, because appearance aside, I'm not that old man waving at clouds. There's a science to employing the shift, to pulling starting pitchers after they run through the lineup twice, to forgiving batters' strikeouts if they lead to more home runs. Any smart manager trying to win these days has to adhere to the code of sabermetrics.

Problem is, what wins games also chases away fans. Analytics has been weaponized in a way that takes away the action. Forget the sacrifice bunt (that was always dumb). I'm talking about a paucity of stealing, base running and defensive highlights. You know, actual plays.

The sport has become a snoozefest of "three true outcomes" — walks, strikeouts and home runs. It's hard to believe homers could become tedious, but at this pace (a record 1,135 in May), it's a seven-day-a-week diet of chocolate cake. Even I can't take that much.

Me? I'd ban the shift today. Make plays start with two defenders on each side of the infield. And yeah, I support the notion of requiring relievers to face three hitters or finish the inning. Specialization is boring.

Baseball's in trouble. Just ask the late Yogi Berra.

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Report: Yanks ahead of Braves for Keuchel

The countdown of Dallas Keuchel's free-agency saga is almost complete as the southpaw is expected to sign shortly.

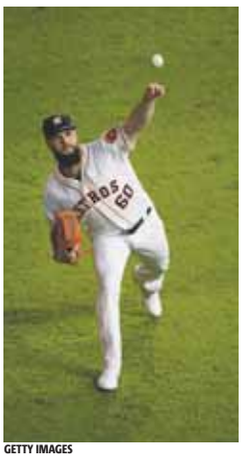
And most signs continue to point toward the Yankees.

A source told MLB.com's Mark Feinsand on Tuesday that the Yankees will sign Keuchel and "they are emerging as the true favorites."

The Atlanta Braves are also believed to be in the running for the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner.

Signing Keuchel further proves that the Yankees are gunning for a World Series title this year despite being ransacked by injuries. They're still the top dogs in the American League East with a litany of backup players and starting-pitching concerns.

Keuchel bolsters the Yankees rotation, which has been without staff ace Luis Severino this season as he continues to recover from a lat and rotator cuff injuries.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The 31-year-old is fully healthy after a couple of injury-stricken seasons that withheld him from sustaining any sort of consistent success after his award-winning season four years ago.

Still, adding a left-hander who has gone 55-36 with a 3.37 ERA and 638 strikeouts in 750.1 innings pitched is going to be a welcomed addition to a shaky situation in the Bronx.

The rotation has also experienced time without CC Sabathia and James Paxton.

They've received some big-time contributions from Domingo German to help keep the rotation afloat. The now-healthy Sabathia and Paxton add further stability to the Yankees' current five-man rotation that also features Masahiro Tanaka and the JA Happ.

While a possible signing of Keuchel could replace one of those arms in the rotation, Yankees manager Aaron Boone has alluded to the possibility of rolling out a six-man rotation over the weekend.

Difficult decisions would lay ahead shortly after, though, as Severino is slated to return after the All-Star break in July, giving the Yankees a seven-man rotation if everyone stays healthy.

Given this season's track record, that isn't a guarantee. JOE PANTORNO

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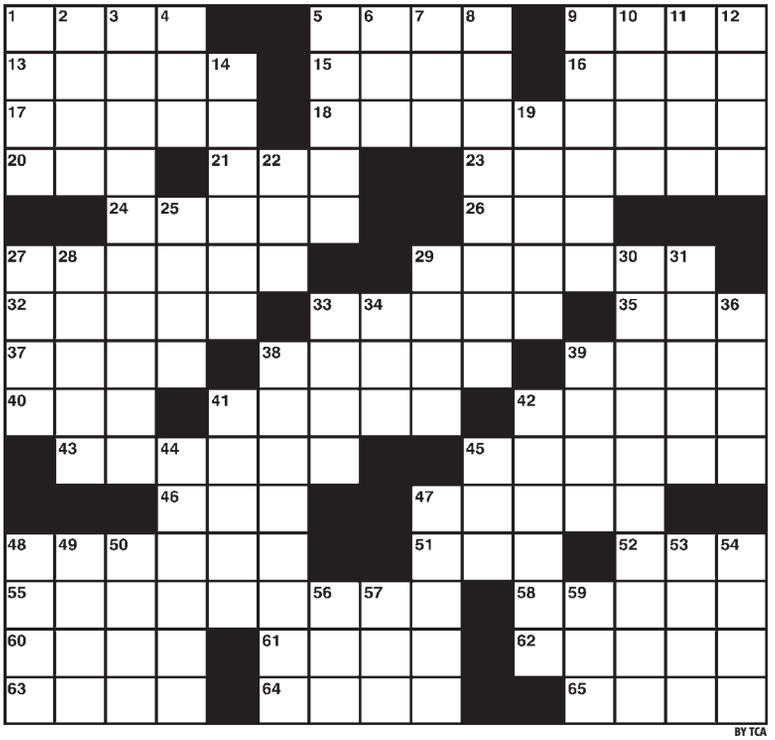
ACROSS

1 Recipe verb
5 Asian desert
9 Small store
13 Kuwait's dollar
15 Spoil
16 Melody
17 __ drop of a hat; eagerly
18 Official decree
20 Colorful pond fish
21 Cut grass
23 Walk unsteadily
24 __ and groans
26 Part of a vowel list
27 Minor little-known facts
29 Open one's home to
32 Expand
33 __ off; becomes less angry
35 Pasture sound
37 As straight __ arrow
38 Pillow covers
39 Twirl
40 "Ready, __, go!"
41 Hose problems
42 Stop
43 Take as an insult
45 Dishes
46 Soothing drink
47 Native New Zealander
48 Has an __ on; affects
51 "__ a jungle out there!"
52 Flow back
55 Liver disease
58 "Sesame Street" fellow
60 ACL tear site
61 __ and rave; carry on
62 Cheney & Clark
63 Short, sharp barks
64 Convince
65 Quilting parties

DOWN

1 Neighbor of Nebr.
2 One of Michael Jackson's brothers
3 Scare
4 "Hooray!"
5 Gets bigger
6 TV's "Days of __ Lives"
7 Auction offer
8 Monogram letters
9 Museum piece
10 Actress Helen
11 __ more; again
12 Look through a keyhole
14 Stay behind
19 Cubbyholes
22 Stop __ dime
25 Kitchen appliance
27 "__ the night before Christmas..."
28 Staircase piece
29 Hanks & others
30 Unwillingness to wait
31 Clamor
33 Shoot the breeze
34 Live __; Georgia's state tree
36 Change for a five
38 Cruz & Schumer
39 Scorch
41 Freeloader
42 Shop window sign at night
44 Long looks
45 Boone or Benatar
47 __-eyed; tearful
48 Unpleasant
49 Short skirt
50 Get ready, for short
53 Two-wheeler
54 Nickname for Elizabeth
56 Tool with teeth
57 One __ million; dear friend
59 Tease



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